

Remarks

The Applicants' prior Response dated October 21, 2009, distinguished at least independent Claim 23 over Ishikawa by pointing out that Ishikawa provides a coating which contains three discrete components, namely 1) a diaminopolysiloxane, 2) an aromatic diamine and 3) an aromatic tetracarboxylic dianhydride. Those three components produce a polyimidosiloxane composition. This was contrasted to the Applicants' claimed polyimide precursor which yields a highly heat-resistant amorphous polyimide (B) obtained from an aromatic tetracarboxylic dianhydride and an aromatic diamine. In other words, the Applicants' Claim 23 was said to recite a two-component composition resulting in the amorphous polyimide (B).

The Advisory Action acknowledged that position with respect to the three-component system versus a two-component system. However, the Advisory Action also noted that the claims do not limit the polyimide to a two-component system. The claims were said in the Advisory Action only to recite that the polyimide was formed from an aromatic tetracarboxylic dianhydride and an aromatic diamine.

In response to these helpful comments in the Advisory Action, the Applicants have amended independent Claim 23 to recite that the amorphous polyimide (B) is obtained from "two components consisting of" i) at least one aromatic tetracarboxylic dianhydride selected from the group consisting of 2,3,3',4'-biphenyltetracarboxylic dianhydride and 2,2',3,3'-biphenyltetracarboxylic dianhydride and ii) at least one aromatic diamine selected from the group consisting of p-phenylenediamine and 4,4'-diaminodiphenyl ether. In other words, the Applicants' Claim 23 now recites a two-component polyimide.

This is sharply contrasted to the Ishikawa three-component system as noted above which is directed to 1) a diaminopolysiloxane, 2) an aromatic diamine and 3) an aromatic tetracarboxylic dianhydride. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the three-component system as taught by Ishikawa leads those skilled in the art away from the Applicants' two-component system as recited in Claim 23. Withdrawal of the instant rejection is accordingly respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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